# IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jan Jacob Wouter LAGENDIJK et al.

Appl. No.: New Group:

Filed: December 5, 2003 Examiner:

For: DEVICE FOR IMAGE GUIDED AUTOMATED

INSERTION OF AN ELONGATED AN ELONGATED HOLLOW NEEDLE TO A DESIRED LOCATION IN AN ANIMAL BODY FOR EFFECTING RADIATION

THERAPY OF CANCEROUS TISSUE.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SUBMISSION CONCURRENT WITH THE FILING OF A NEW PATENT APPLICATION)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 5, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

## I. <u>LIST OF PATENTS</u>, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

## II. COPIES

- a. This application was filed before June 30, 2003.

  Accordingly, submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.
- b. A This application was filed on or after June 30, 2003. Accordingly, copies of cited US patents and patent application publications therefore are not included. Copies of foreign

patent documents and non-patent literature are included.

c. This application is a National Phase of a PCT application. Some or all of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 are not enclosed because they were cited in the International Search Report and copies should be forwarded from the International Search Authority. If copies are needed, please contact the undersigned.

# III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

# a. DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The patents, publications, or other information listed on the attached PTO 1449 are in the English language and therefore, do not require a statement of relevancy.

# b. DOCUMENTS NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications, or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

#### c. M ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEARCH REPORT

An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(III)(A)(3).

## d. OTHER

The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

#### FEES

This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently with the filing of a new patent application; therefore, no fee is required.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

Joe McKinney Muncy,

P.O. Box 747 | Falls Church, VA 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

KM/rem 3560-0135P

Attachment(s): Form PTO-1449(s)

Documents

Foreign Search Report

Other: International Search Report

(Rev. 09/30/03)

Form PTO-1449					ATTY. DOCKET NO. 3560-0135P		New		
I	NFORMA	ATION DISCLO	SURE (	TTATION	APPLICANT				
IN AN APPLICATION					Jan Jacob Wouter LAGENDIJK et al.				
	7)	Use several sheets	if necessar	ry)	FILING DATE	-	GROUP		
					December 5, 2003				
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS									
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER		Kind	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING IF APPRO	DATE
							СШкаа	IF MFE	DPRIMIE
	US 2003/0018232		A1	2003-01-23	Elliot et al.				
	US 2002/0143229		A1	2002-10-03	Green et al.				
	US 6,311,084		B1	2001-10-30	Cormack et al.				
	US 6,398,711		B1	2002-06-04	Green et al.				1
	ļ								
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
	Office	DOCUMENT	Kind	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
		NUMBER					CIRCUS		
	EP	1 070 519	A1	2001-01-24	EUROPE			Х	
								•	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Include Name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.									
	T								
			<del></del>						
			<del></del>	•					
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED					
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.									